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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster

County Sheriff's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation announce the following

information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

On Monday, February 2, 2010, a federal jury returned guilty verdicts against Jaktine Moore and Jobita Avery for conspiracy to distribute cocaine and 50 grams or more of crack cocaine. The Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Judge, received the verdict and set sentencing for April 29, 2010.

Evidence presented at trial established that Moore and Avery, who are brother and sister, were involved in distributing crack cocaine in the Lincoln area from 2005 through 2008. Cocaine was also a part of the conspiracy, both as a product being sold and as the base used to manufacture the crack that was being distributed throughout Lincoln. Testimony identified the amount of crack cocaine involved in the conspiracy and the two defendants at around 15 kilograms.

Name of Defendant: Jaktine Alphonso Moore and Jobita Willetta Avery

AKA:

Age: Moore - 36 Avery - 34

City of residence: Lincoln

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty)

Conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack and 500 grams or more of cocaine

10 years to life, up to \$4,000,000 fine

Specific Location of Alleged Crime:

Location of Arrest: Lincoln

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: both were found guilty of over 50 grams of crack cocaine, Avery was found guilty of less than 500 grams cocaine, Moore was found guilty of over 500 grams cocaine

Others Charged in Same Scheme: Jonair Moore (aka Spade), Kevin Moore, Tyreece Jsames

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: April 1, 2005 through October 31, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: July 28, 2009

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: July 21, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: July 29, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): trial January 25, 2010

Sentencing Date: April 29, 2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: sentencing

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Cheryl Zwart

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Moore - held without bond

Avery - released on conditions

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard G. Kopf

Initials of Assigned SAUSA/Preparer of THIS Release: JML